

Visualization

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12,918

Iowans were homeless in 2015 and served by emergency shelters, transitional housing, rapid rehousing or street outreach projects.

Another 8,174 Iowans were at risk of homeless and served in permanent supportive housing, homelessness prevention or other projects.

Each number is an un-duplicated count, although a person may be counted within multiple populations if they were in multiple populations during the year. For example, a person may have been at-risk of homelessness and then become homeless during 2015.

3,791 people overlap the two populations, often in situations where one agency provides shelter and another provides case management. The total un-duplicated population served in 2015 was 17,301.

Iowa's Statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is used by most homeless agencies across Iowa. 56% of program beds participate in the HMIS network. The non-participating agencies are primarily comprised of mission shelters. Emergency shelter participation, the primary domain of the missions, is 40% statewide; 2.6% in Siouxland, 82% in Polk County and 38% in the balance of the state. For transitional housing projects participation is 100% in Sioux, 96% in Polk and 74% in the balance of the state.



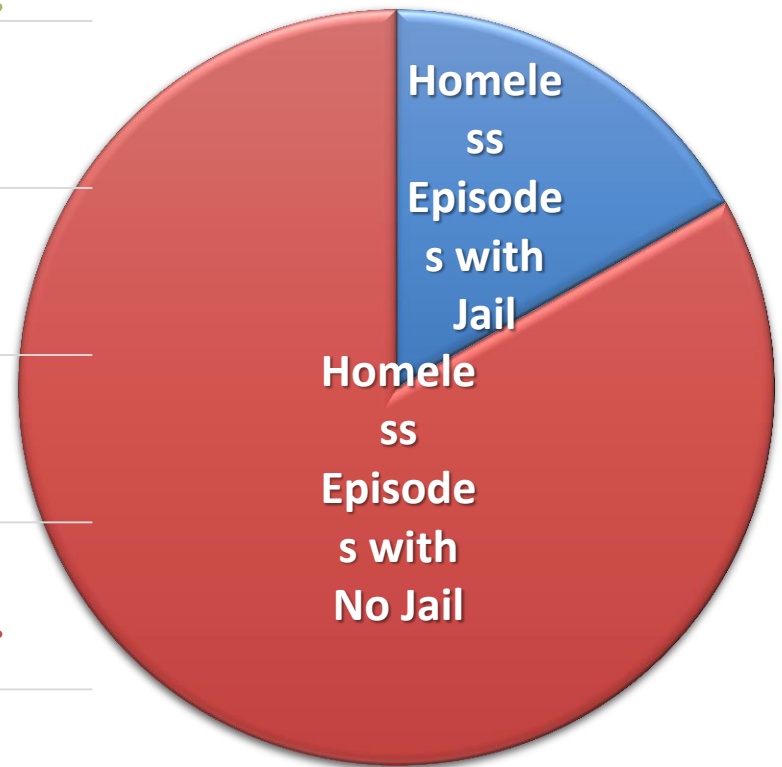
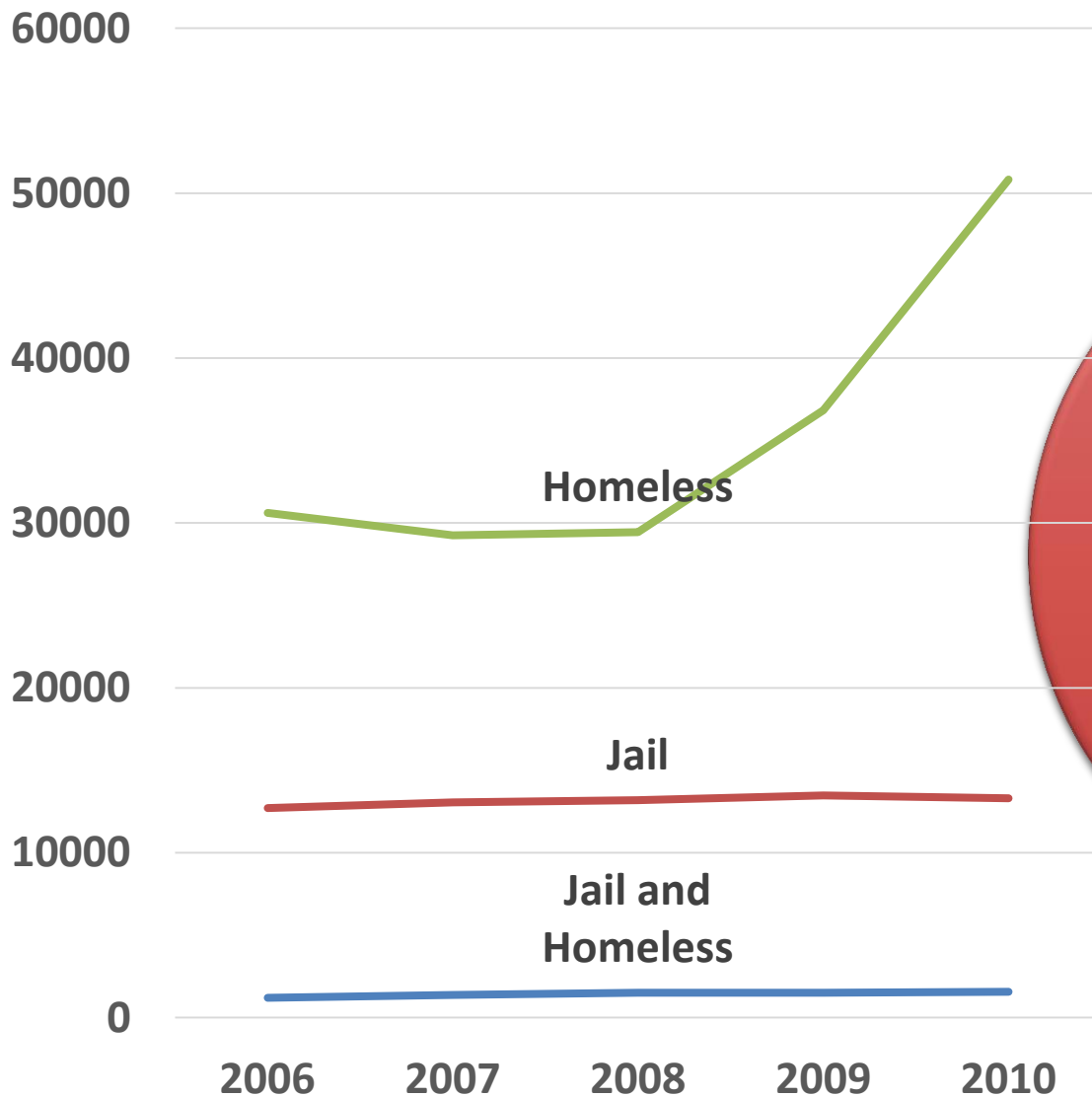
Point in time counts are conducted on the CoC level. They are summable because the three continua conduct their point in time counts on the same night. Every data point in time is a unique collection of people.

All homeless numbers aside from Point in Time are drawn from the HMIS database, operated by the Institute for Community Alliances. All agencies enter data on behalf of their clients. The advantage of the point in time data is that, for that one night each year, every bed is counted. The advantage of the HMIS data is that for the participating beds, every night is counted.

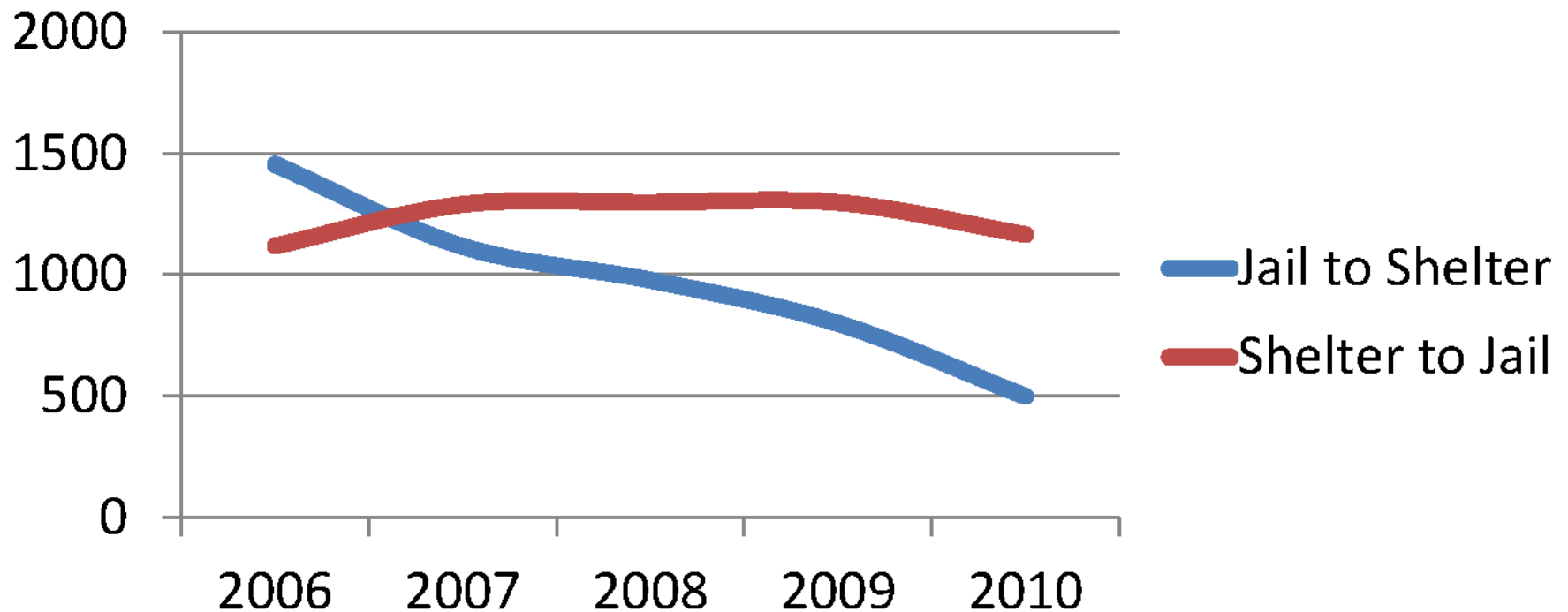


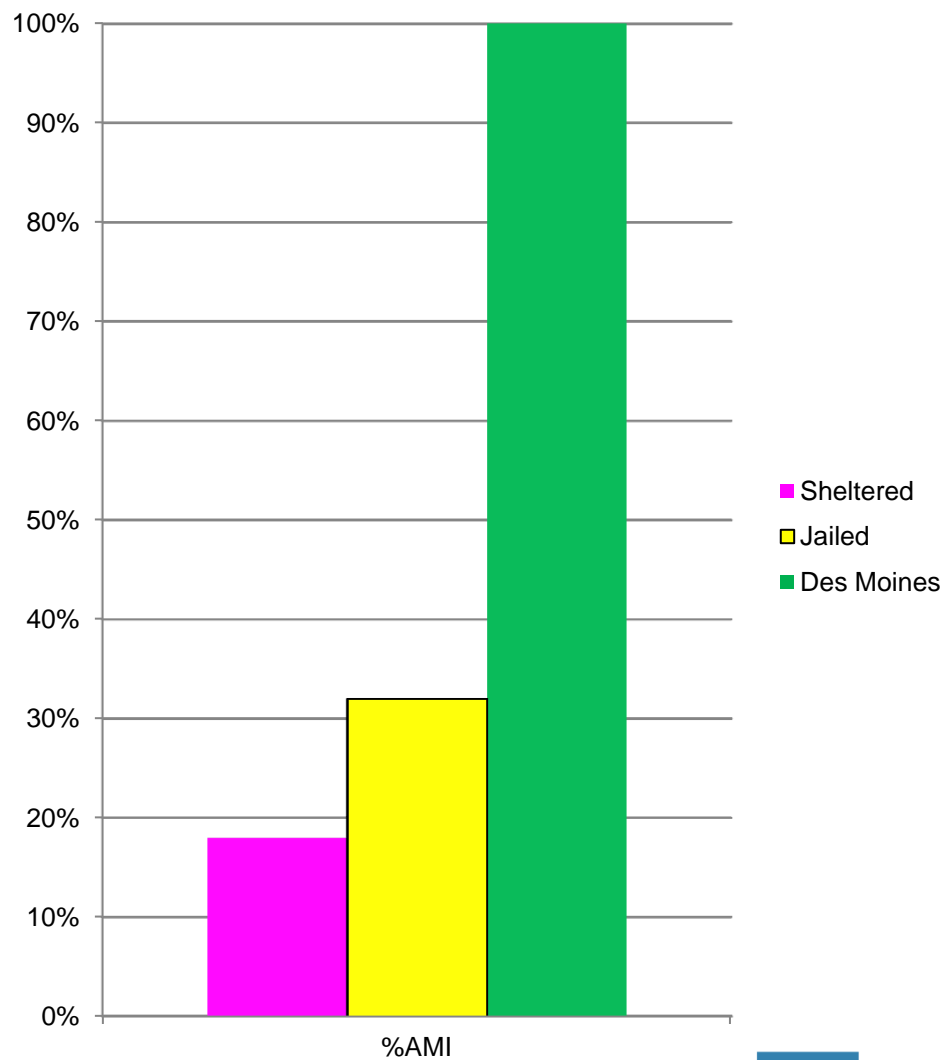
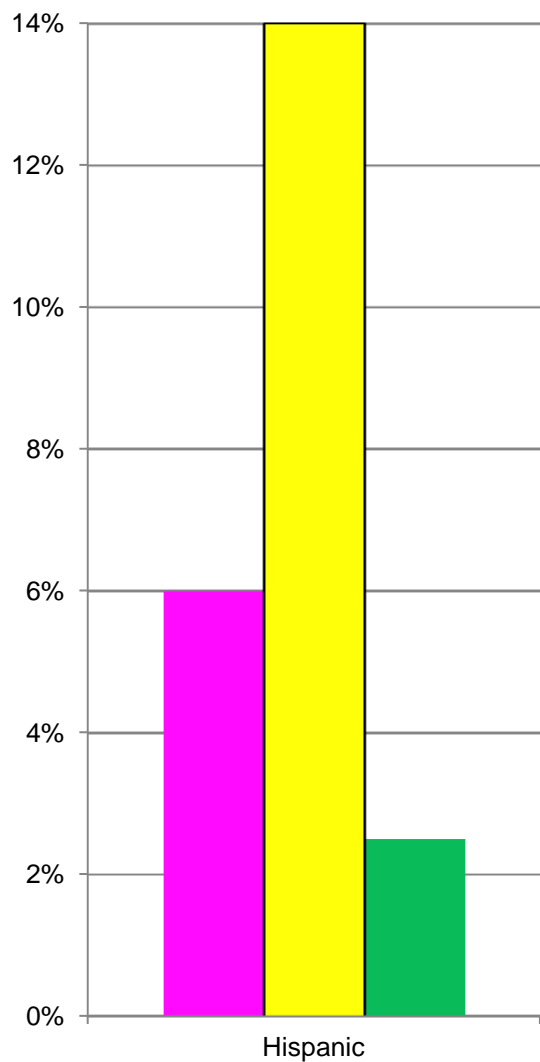






Movement between the criminal justice and homeless services systems

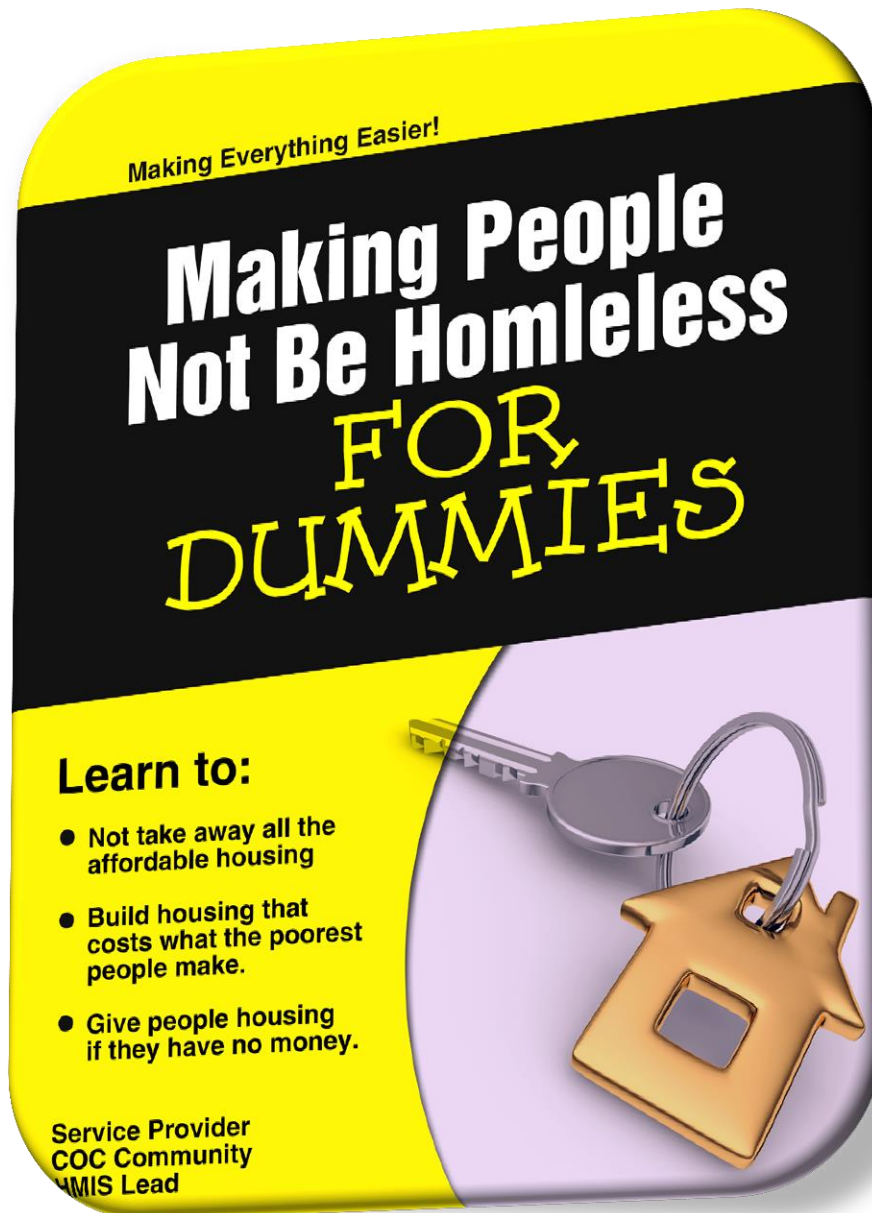




Focus on what the
audience cares about.

Using the data finding/implication...

1. Clearly state the problem
2. Overview of the root causes
3. The problem is important to the stakeholders



Include how-to advice

1. Break it down into practical steps.
2. Who needs to take the steps?

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- An HMIS Data Point
 - Average income at entry
 - Average income at exit
 - Average change
- TIE IN
 - Other local research
 - People in low income range?
- A non-HMIS data point
 - Average rent
 - Available affordable housing
 - DEFINE AFFORDABLE?
- Implication
 - Our clients can't even afford affordable housing
- Audience
 - Who can do something about it?
 - ???
- Practical Steps

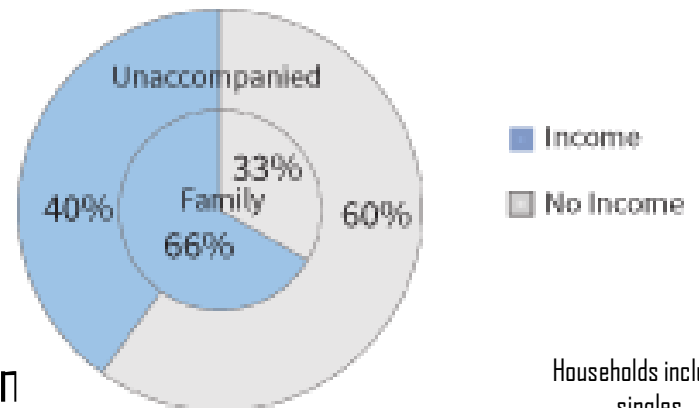
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HMIS DATA

- 4,100 people were homeless in 2014
 - About 1/3 of homeless families have no income.
 - Families with income average less than \$500 (\$6,000/Y) 8% of AMI
- Unaccompanied adults make about \$950 (\$11,400/Y) 15% of AMI but 2/3 of unaccompanied adults make \$0

Homeless Family Income



Households including singles

Unaccompanied	\$0	2071
	Some Income. Average \$950	1385
in family	\$0	129
	Some Income. Average \$500	304

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The Cost of Living in Iowa, 2014 Edition: Basic Family Budgets

Polk County



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	Single Individual	Single Parent One child* Two children**	Two Working Parents One child* Two children**	Two Parents, One Working One child* Two children**
Families without health insurance from employer				
<u>Monthly Expenses</u>				
Child care	\$0	\$589	\$941	\$589
Clothing & household expenses	201	317	349	403
Food	263	382	574	765
Health care	262	408	575	670
Rent and utilities	525	783	1,090	783
Transportation	490	490	490	734
Monthly total	\$1,740	\$2,969	\$4,018	\$3,720
Annual Total Basic Expenses	\$20,884	\$35,627	\$48,218	\$44,639

Families with health insurance from employer

Monthly health care savings	142	122	190	273
Annual Total Basic Expenses	\$19,181	\$34,159	\$45,942	\$41,364

*One child age 2 or 3 **One child age 2 or 3, one child age 6-10

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Cost of Living Study from Iowa Policy Project


\$6,000 per year is less than 18% of what it takes to just barely get by in Iowa. 20% if you eat every meal at a pantry. \$11,400 is 59% of what it takes to just barely get by for a single.

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Use CHAS from HUD for area median income

Area Median Family
Income from Polk County
(on HUD-HDX) is \$75,000.

 **FY 2015 INCOME LIMITS DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM**

[HUD.gov](#) [HUD User Home](#) [Data Sets](#) [Fair Market Rents](#) [Section 8 Income Limits](#) [MTSP Income Limits](#) [HUD LIHTC Database](#)

FY 2015 Income Limits Summary

FY 2015 Income Limit Area	Median Income Explanation	FY 2015 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Polk County	\$75,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	26,250	30,000	33,750	37,500	40,500	43,500	46,500	49,500
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Explanation	15,750	18,000	20,250	24,250	28,410	32,570	36,730	40,890
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	42,000	48,000	54,000	60,000	64,800	69,600	74,400	79,200

Selecting any of the buttons labeled "Explanation" will display detailed calculation steps for each of the various parameters.

NOTE: Polk County is part of the **Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA MSA**, so all information presented here applies to all of the **Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA MSA**. The **Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA MSA** contains the following areas: Dallas County, IA; Guthrie County, IA; Madison County, IA; Polk County, IA; and Warren County, IA.

* The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act changed the definition of extremely low-income to be the greater of 30/50ths (60 percent) of the Section 8 very low-income limit or the poverty guideline as [established by the Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#), provided that this amount is not greater than the Section 8 50% very low-income limit. Consequently, the extremely low income limits may equal the very low (50%) income limits.

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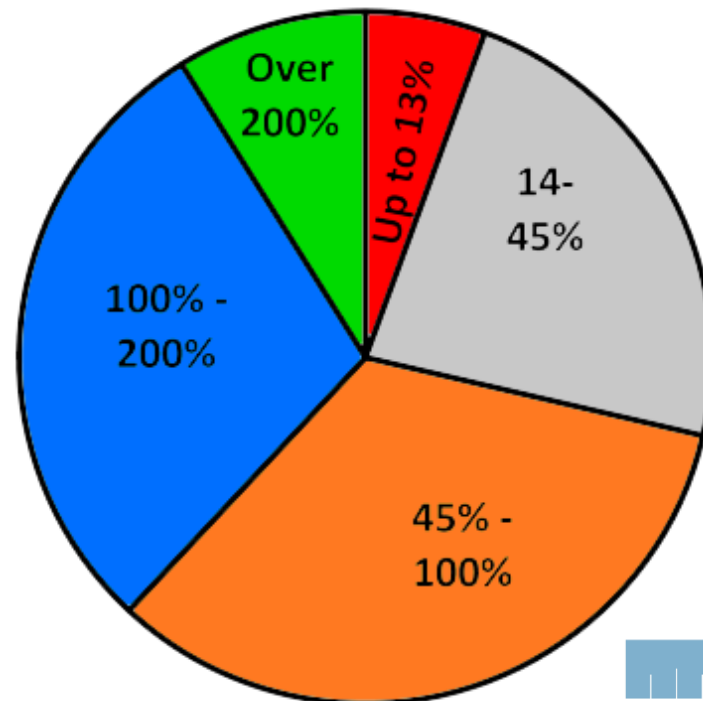
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American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau Shows how much people earn.

American Fact Finder Table S1901

\$75,000 AMI
From CHAS

	Polk County, Iowa
Total	173,164
Less than \$10,000	5.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4.2%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8.9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	13.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4.8%
\$200,000 or more	4.1%

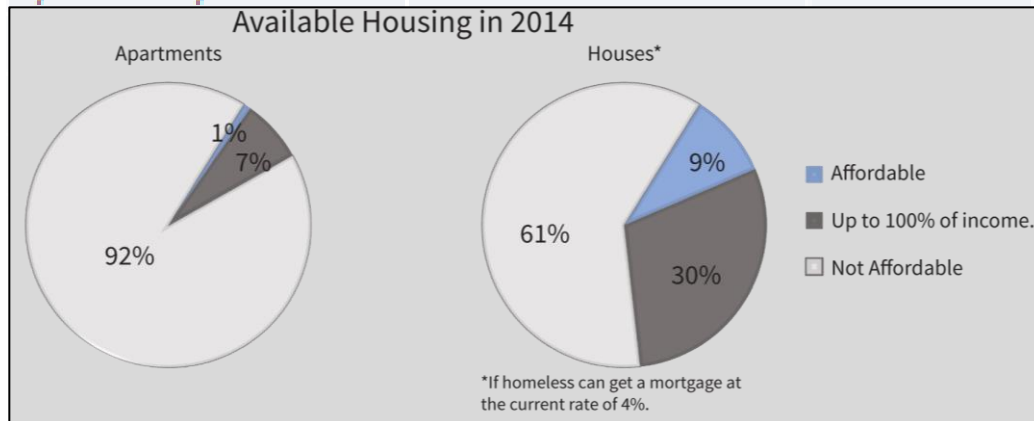


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American Community Survey for cost of housing

Rent Asked		Price Asked	
Total:	3,380	Total:	3,035
Less than \$100	0	Less than \$10,000	87
\$100 to \$149	28	\$10,000 to \$14,999	0
\$150 to \$199	24	\$15,000 to \$19,999	73
\$200 to \$249	0	\$20,000 to \$24,999	81
\$250 to \$299	0	\$25,000 to \$29,999	52
\$300 to \$349	0	\$30,000 to \$34,999	19



For homeless families,
\$150/mo is 30% of my
income.

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Where can you afford to live?

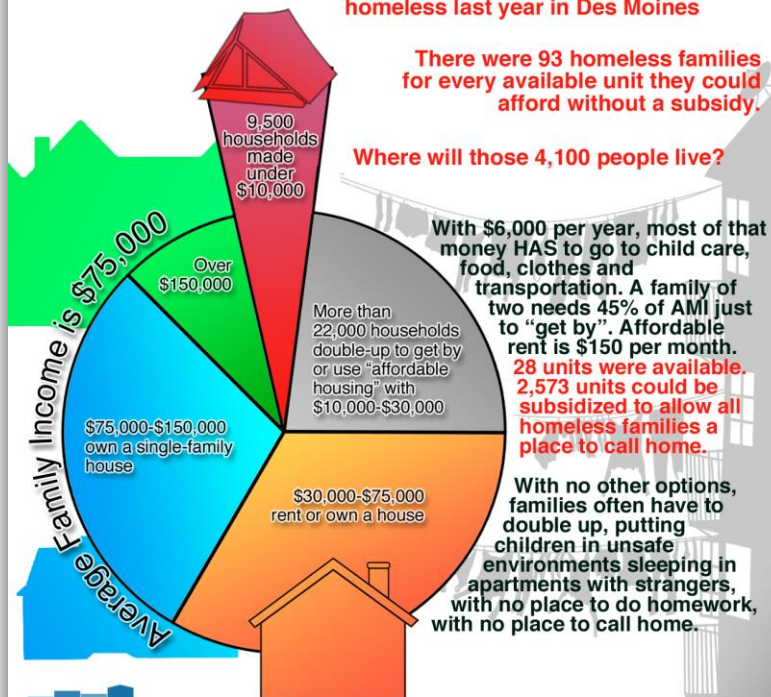
30% of homeless families made no income at all.
Those who had income averaged \$6,000 per year or less
Only 8% of Area Median Income.

Spend CDBG funds to end homelessness in Des Moines
\$1.4 Million per year could end homeless in Des Moines.

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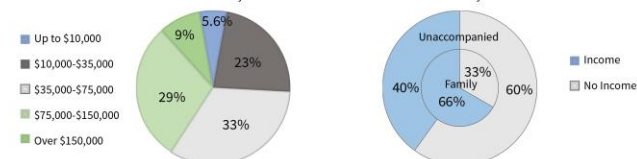
Where will those 4,100 people live?



Affordable Housing in Polk County, Iowa

9,500 households made under \$10,000. That population accounts for most of the 4,100 people in 2,600 households were homeless last year in Des Moines. 30% of homeless families made no income at all. Those who had income averaged \$6,000 per year or less, only 8% of Area Median Income.

Earnings in 2014 as a percent of Area Median Income



Available housing in Des Moines is largely unaffordable for homeless populations, even with a full time job. Many houses may be affordable if mortgages are attainable, but they almost never are.

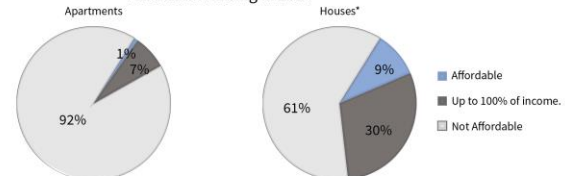
In the current market, there were 93 homeless families for every available unit they could afford without a subsidy. Where will those 4,100 people live?

With \$6,000 per year, most of that money HAS to go to child care, food, clothes and transportation. A family of two needs 45% of AMI just to "get by". Affordable rent is \$150 per month.

Des Moines could end homelessness by spending \$1.4 Million per year to supplement the average income of a homeless family up to available rents. 28 genuinely affordable units were available. 2,573 units could be subsidized to allow all homeless families a place to call home.

With no other options, families often have to double up, putting children in unsafe environments sleeping in apartments with strangers, with no place to do homework, with no place to call home. More than 22,000 households double-up to get by or use "affordable housing" which is narrowly available for those around 30% of Area Median Income, roughly \$22,500 per year.

Available Housing in 2014



*If homeless can get a mortgage at the current rate of 4%.